

Withdrawal of US Military Bases from the Philippines

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The 21st Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 19-23 August 1980 in Hamden, Connecticut:

To President Carter, with copies to the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, U.S. State Department, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

Whereas Clark Air Field and Subic Naval Base, two U.S. bases in the Philippines, are remnants of U.S. colonial domination of that country and are deeply resented by Philippine patriots as an abridgement of their national sovereignty; and

Whereas Admiral Le Roque, Center of Defense Information, testified that the U.S. Pentagon stores nuclear weapons at these U.S. bases, and the Civil Liberties Union of the Philippines warns that the presence of these U.S. nuclear weapons threatens to involve the Philippines in any future nuclear holocaust; and

Whereas U.S. bases in the Philippines provided the main logistical support for the U.S. war in Vietnam and are today the primary source of supply for the U.S. naval force in the Indian Ocean;

Therefore be it resolved by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting in its 21st Triennial Congress at Quinnipiac College, August 18-23, 1980, that the U.S. bases should be immediately dismantled from the Philippines to remove an affront to Philippine sovereignty and a centre of U.S. nuclear arms in Asia.